

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case: 2:24-cr-20134

Assigned To: Borman, Paul D. Referral Judge: Altman, Kimberly G.

Assign. Date: 3/13/2024

Description: IND USA V. DAVID BLUER (DJ)

Plaintiff.

v.

VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 247(c)

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(2)(B)

DAVID BLUER,

| Defendant. |  |
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## **INDICTMENT**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

## **COUNT ONE**

18 U.S.C. § 247(c)

Damage to Religious Property

On or about October 24, 2021, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, DAVID BLUER, aided and abetted by others known to the Grand Jury, intentionally defaced and damaged, and attempted to deface and damage, religious real property because of the race and color of individuals associated with that religious property. Specifically, the defendant, aided and abetted by others, spraypainted swastikas, the word "die," and other graffiti on the exterior of a church, the

identity of which is known to the Grand Jury, in Roseville, Michigan; the church has a Black pastor and serves a predominantly Black congregation.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 247(c) and 2.

## **COUNT TWO**

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(2)(B) Federally Protected Activities

On or about October 24, 2021, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, DAVID BLUER, aided and abetted by others known to the Grand Jury, did, by threat of force, willfully intimidate and interfere with, and attempt to intimidate and interfere with, Black users of Trombly Park, in Warren, Michigan, because of their race and color, and because they were and had been enjoying a facility provided and administered by a state and subdivision thereof. Specifically, the defendant, aided and abetted by others, spray-painted swastikas, a racist slur and symbols, and other graffiti on the bathroom in Trombly Park, including the statement "DaviD KiLLS Ni\*\*ERS," the complete spelling of which is known to the Grand Jury.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245(b)(2)(B) and 2.

A TRUE BILL.

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Dated: March 13, 2024

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| United States District Court<br>Eastern District of Michigan   | Criminal Case Co | Assigned                        | 4−cr−20134<br>To : Borman, Paul D.   |  |  |
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| Companion Case Information Companion Case Number:  |                  |                                 |  |  |  |
| This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) <sup>1</sup> : Ju  |                  | Judge Assigned:                 | dge Assigned:  |  |  |
| ☐ Yes 🗵 No   |                  | PLL                             |  |  |  |
| Case Title: USA v. David Bluer   |                  |                                 |  |  |  |
| County where offense occurred : Macomb County  |                  |                                 |  |  |  |
| Check One: ☐Felony   | ⊠Mis             | demeanor                        |  |  |  |
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| <ul> <li>☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.</li> <li>☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.</li> <li>☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:</li> </ul> |                  |                                 |  |  |  |
| Defendant name   | Cha              | rges                            | Prior Complaint (if applicable)  |  |  |
| Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for  |                  |                                 |  |  |  |
| the above captioned case.  | Z.               | 1                               |  |  |  |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.